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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 1738

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CG PINS MOPS CASC
SUBJ: SHABA INCURSIONS: USE OF ZAMBIAN TERRITORY

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1. ZAIRIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING MOVEMENTS
OF KATANGESE BONGELI, CATEGORICALLY STATES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN
GOOD REPORTS INDICATING THAT KATANGESE DID USE ZAMBIAN TERRITORY
TO INFILTRATE SHABA. BONGELI ASKED TO SEE THE CHARGE MAY 15.
HE WANTED TO KNOW IF WE COULD CONFIRM MOVEMENT OF KATANGESE

THROUGH ZAMBIA. CHARGE SAID WE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT, BUT HAD NO HARD EVIDENCE THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. BONGELI, WITH SOME HEAT, SAID THAT HIS EMBASSY HAD BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF ZAMBIAN AUTHORITIES WHAT HE CONSIDERED GOODREPORTS OF KATANGESE MOVEMENT THROUGH ZAMBIA. LENGEMA AND MOBUTU ALSO HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH KAUNDA. THEIR RESPONSE HAD BEEN THE SAME--ZAMBIA DOES NOT CONDONE USE OF ZAMBIAN TERRITORY BY KATANGESE AND ZAMBIA HAD NO CONFIRMATION THAT SUCH USE WAS TAKING PLACE. BONGELI DID ADMIT THAT ZAMBIAN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MIGHT NOT BE AWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON THE FRONTIER, BUT SAID WITH CONVICTION THAT LOCAL OFFICIALS DID AND WERE TURNING A BLIND EYE TO THE INFILTRATION.

2. BONGELI SAID HIS EMBASSY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH THE GRZ BUT ANTICIPATED THAT IT WOULD SHORTLY.

3. COMMENT: ACCUSATIONS BY ZAIRE OVER USE OF ZAMBIAN TERRITORY BY KATANGES INEVITABLY WILL PUT SOME STRAIN ON ZAMBIAN-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS. WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THIS WOULD NOT GET OUT OF HAND GIVEN SHABA'S DEPENDENCE OF ZAMBIA FOR FUEL AND AS A TRANSPORT ROUTE FOR SUPPLYING SHABA. CLINGERMAN

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